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SUBJECT: MARINE RESEARCH CLEARANCE REQUESTS FOR "OREGON II"
AND USNS "HAYES"

REF: (A) STATE 102782, (B) PORT OF SPAIN 1051, (C) PORT OF
SPAIN 995, (D) STATE 102606

1. MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS INFORMED EMBASSY BY
TELEPHONE APRIL 27 THAT GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
HAD DECIDED TO GRANT ADVANCE PERMISSION TO THE "OREGON II"
TO PUBLISH OPENLY THE RESULTS OF ITS RESEARCH IN THE GULF
OF PARIA. CONFIRMATION OF THIS DECISION IN WRITING HAS BEEN
PROMISED BY APRIL 30. HOPEFULLY THIS DECISION HAS REMOVED
FINAL OBSTACLE TO CRUISE TAKING PLACE AS SCHEDULED.

2. ACCORDING TO MINISTRY OFFICIAL, SEVEN PERSONS FROM TRINIDAD
WILL PARTICIPATE IN CRUISE - ONE OR TWO FROM THE MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE, LANDS AND FISHERIES AND BALANCE FROM STAFF OF
UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES. MINISTRY HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE
NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS TO EMBASSY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. T&T GOVERNMENT IS STILL INTERESTED IN QUESTIONS OF
VENEZUELAN CLEARANCE AND PARTICIPATION IN CRUISE.

4. REGARDING DEPT'S QUERY IN REF D IN CONNECTION WITH
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THE USNS "HAYES" CLEARANCE, IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS THAT

"HAYES" CLEARANCE WAS IN ABEYANCE UNTIL ENTIRE DIFFICULT
QUESTION OF TERMS OF CLEARANCE FOR MARINE RESEARCH WITH
WHICH WE HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING IN CONNECTION WITH
"OREGON II" COULD BE RESOLVED. WE WILL NOW CONTINUE PURSUIT
OF "HAYES" CLEARANCE, BUT WE ARE NOT SANGUINE THAT ONE-TIME
ADVANCE APPROVAL FOR PUBLICATION OF RESEARCH RESULTS WHICH WE
HAVE WON IN CONNECTION WITH "OREGON II" IS NECESSARILY
TRANSFERABLE TO THE "HAYES." WE WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT
INFORMED OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS BUT DO NOT ANTICIPATE
QUICK DECISION.
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